

Section 1. [10.59] DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG WORLD FOOD PRIZE DAY.

October 16 is designated as Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day, in honor of the heroic contributions to humanity of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, whose work in agriculture has resulted in saving millions of human lives by averting famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition. The governor may take any action necessary to promote and encourage the observance of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day and public schools may offer instruction and programs on the occasion.

Presented to the governor March 30, 2004

Signed by the governor April 2, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 149—S.F.No. 40

An act relating to civil actions; graffiti; allowing the recovery of damages for graffiti; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 617.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [617.90] GRAFFITI DAMAGE ACTION.

Subdivision 1. DEFINITION. For purposes of this section "graffiti" means unauthorized markings of paint, dye, or other similar substance that have been placed on real or personal property such as buildings, fences, transportation equipment, or other structures, or the unauthorized etching or scratching of the surfaces of such real or personal property, any of which markings, scratchings, or etchings are visible from premises open to the public.

Subd. 2. CAUSE OF ACTION. An action for damage to property caused by graffiti may be brought by the owner of public or private property on which graffiti has been placed. Damages may be recovered for three times the cost of restoring the property, or the court may order a defendant to perform the work of restoring the property. Damages may be recovered from an individual who placed graffiti on public or private real or personal property or from the parent of a minor individual. The liability of the parent is limited to the amount specified in section 540.18. The court may award attorney fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. .

Section 1 is effective August 1, 2003, and applies to causes of action arising on or after that date.

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Presented to the governor March 30, 2004

Signed by the governor April 2, 2004, 12:50 p.m.

CHAPTER 150—H.F.No. 2105

An act relating to Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation; providing for the name of the agency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 298.22, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 298.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION.** (1) The Office of the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation is created. The governor shall appoint the commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation under section 15.06.

(2) The commissioner may hold other positions or appointments that are not incompatible with duties as commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. The commissioner may appoint a deputy commissioner. All expenses of the commissioner, including the payment of such assistance as may be necessary, must be paid out of the amounts appropriated by section 298.28.

(3) When the commissioner determines that distress and unemployment exists or may exist in the future in any county by reason of the removal of natural resources or a possibly limited use of natural resources in the future and any resulting decrease in employment, the commissioner may use whatever amounts of the appropriation made to the commissioner of revenue in section 298.28 that are determined to be necessary and proper in the development of the remaining resources of the county and in the vocational training and rehabilitation of its residents, except that the amount needed to cover cost overruns awarded to a contractor by an arbitrator in relation to a contract awarded by the commissioner or in effect after July 1, 1985, is appropriated from the general fund. For the purposes of this section, "development of remaining resources" includes, but is not limited to, the promotion of tourism.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor March 30, 2004

Signed by the governor April 2, 2004, 12:47 p.m.

CHAPTER 151—S.F.No. 2063

An act relating to local government; clarifying certain collateralization requirements;

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